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APPLIANCE CONTROL METHOD USING A NETWORK, COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT ACHIEVING THE CONTROL METHOD, AND A
COMPUTER-READABLE DATA STORAGE MEDIUM

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98, applicant calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 08-272429, published on October 18, 1996, along with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the instant application.

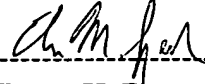
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the patent document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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